

## Does your Home Have Working Smoke Alarms? Or Are the smoke alarms over 10 yrs. old?

Call the Summit County smoke alarm hotline to get FREE alarms at

330-535-2030

Operation Save-A-Life, a program of the American Red Cross Northeast Ohio Region, provides FREE smoke alarms to Summit County residents. Smoke alarms are installed by trained Red Cross volunteers and local firefighters at no cost to residents. Please note that there may be a slight delay in the actual installation depending on volunteer availability.

## Why do I need smoke alarms?

Smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire and can increase the chances of a safe escape. According to Fire Departments statistics, nearly 75% of deaths in house fires are caused by smoke rather than burns. Children and senior citizens are at greatest risk.

- > Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- > Test the batteries and the alarms once a month. Change your batteries twice a year.
- > Smoke alarms even "hard wired" alarms only have a 10 year life span.
- > Develop a home escape plan in case of fire. Have at least two exits from every room and designate an outside meeting spot.
- > Keep matches and lighters away from children. Put them in high places well out of their reach.
- > Keep anything that can catch fire away from space heaters. Unplug them when not in use.





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